



# Media Information

Date: 8/20/17

Columbus Division of Police

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Crash

Date: 8/20/17 Time: 12:29 AM

Location of Incident: Stelzer Rd. & E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Zone: 5 Precinct: 7

Report Number: 170722351

Cruiser District: 74

## Decedent:

Name: John R. Wharton

Sex: Male

Age: 29

On 8/20/17 at approximately 12:29 AM, John Wharton was northbound on Stelzer Rd. north of E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. when he lost control of the 2006 Honda CBR600 he was riding. According to witnesses, Mr. Wharton was travelling at a high rate of speed when he lost control, leaving the roadway. Mr. Wharton's motorcycle went into a ditch and struck a small culvert, causing Mr. Wharton to be ejected from the motorcycle. Mr. Wharton was transported to OSU East Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 12:57 AM.

This is the 34<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality for 2017.

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